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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Kenneth Adelman 1365 Meadowridge Road Coarralitos, California 95076-0356

Re: Unauthorized and Potentially Unsafe Operation Of Onsite Generation In Parallel With PG&E's Electric Distribution System

## Dear Mr. Adelman:

Yesterday you spoke with Mr. Dave Turner of PG&E by telephone and informed him that you have connected your onsite photovoltaic (PV) electric generating system and will be operating the facility in parallel with PG&E's electric distribution system despite the fact that PG&E has not authorized the interconnection. In addition, you told Mr. Turner that you would be generating well in excess of 10 kW. We are disturbed and disappointed by this development as PG&E felt we were making progress toward final authorization for operation of a system limited to delivering no more than 10 kW to PG&E, while we mutually worked through the process for interconnecting a larger facility.

This letter is to notify you that you are operating your PV system in parallel with PG&E's distribution system without authorization and in violation of PG&E's California Public Utilities Commission-approved Electric Tariff Rule 21. You are requested to immediately disconnect your generation facility from our system and to not reconnect that facility, or any part of it, until you have received PG&E's express written permission as required by Rule 21 section B. 1. We require immediate written confirmation that you have complied with this request.

Your action is in flagrant violation of Rule 21 and has potentially created an unsafe condition on our system. First, as of today PG&E has not authorized you to interconnect generation of any size to our system. In addition, PG&E has previously told you that interconnecting a PV facility at your premises that delivers in excess of 10 kW to PG&E's distribution system requires further study and potentially will require upgrades to our system to maintain safety and reliability. That study has not been done pending resolution of a dispute

regarding payment for the study fees and therefore the specific distribution system impacts of interconnecting a PV facility at your location in excess of 10 kW capacity are not fully known.

I want to be clear about the potential consequences of your failure to disconnect. First, we will hold you fully accountable for any damage or injury caused by your unauthorized interconnection. Second, if you fail to disconnect, PG&E will consider what actions it must take to enforce its tariffs, including Rule 21 section B.9 which states:

"PG&E may limit the operation and/or disconnect or require disconnection of an Electricity Producer's Generating Facility from PG&E's Distribution System upon the provision of reasonable notice . . . upon PG&E's determination that an Electricity Producer's Generating Facility is not in compliance with this Rule."

Confirmation by you that you have disconnected your PV facility from our system, and that you will not reconnect it without "express written permission" from PG&E (as required by Rule 21 section B.1) should be faxed to me at both (415) 973-9271 and (510) 654-5538.

Again, PG&E regrets the need to write this letter, but has no alternative given your unilateral and unauthorized actions. If either you or your attorney wish to contact me, I can be reached this weekend at (510) 654-5578 and on Monday during work hours at (415) 973-2286.

Sincerely,

Peter Ouborg

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